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(54) Coprocessor management in a virtual memory virtual machine data processing system.

(57) Management of the operation of a coprocessor in a virtual memory virtual machine data processing system in which an Input/Output channel and an Input/output channel controller interconnect the coprocessor to the main processor and system memory uses a Virtual Resource Manager (VRM) comprising a group of interrelated software programs which function in the system to establish virtual machines that execute application programs concurrently. A Coprocessor Manager component of the VRM establishes a Virtual Machine in which the coprocessor executes application programs that cannot be executed on the main processor. The coprocessor is mounted on an integrated circuit card which is inserted into a 'mother board' socket which contains the main processor and related components.

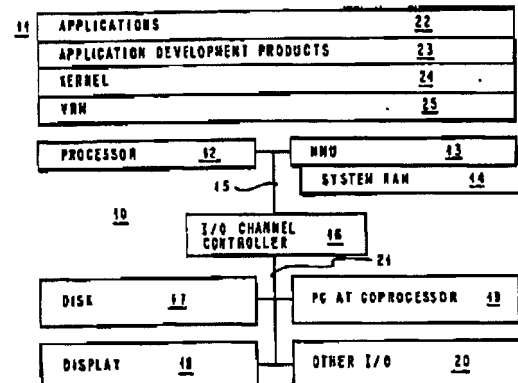


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